



## Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Recap 3.10.20

A brief recap of important items discussed during the March 10, 2020 City Council meeting is provided below:

### March 10, 2020 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

#### Closed Session:

- There were no additions to the agenda. Council approved participation in a consortium lawsuit regarding collection of Utility User Taxes.

#### Announcements and Presentations:

1. Councilmember Fangary reminded that the City is paying close attention to concerns about the coronavirus especially in regards to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade and will keep the community updated as the situation develops.
2. **Census 2020:** In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
3. **Part 150 Noise Study.** Councilmember Armato announced that the noise study draft is coming in May and she will be attending an LAX Roundtable meeting March 11
4. The second Hermosa Unplugged event is being held March 31<sup>st</sup> at City Hall at 8am.
5. Beach Cities Health District provided a thorough update on its efforts regarding coronavirus and keeping the public informed. Currently social distancing is being advised for populations at risk such as pregnant women, elderly, and those with compromised immunities.
6. Mayor Campbell recognized Women's History Month and International Women's Day Celebrations and presented proclamations to the League of Women Voters, Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach and the Zonta Club of South Bay





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**City Manager's Update:**

1. The City is proactively communicating with all relevant health agencies to stay on top of the coronavirus issue and working to responsibly share this information with the public.
2. The City was awarded a \$187,500 Hazard Mitigation grant to support increased outreach and education for businesses and residents.
3. A call for stakeholders in the Safer Prospect Project was very successful and the first meeting will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. **A/V PROJECT** - You may be aware that the City has been experiencing ongoing issues with our City Council Chamber's Audio Visual system for quite some time, and are currently in the midst of a comprehensive upgrade of our entire A/V and Broadcast systems. Our Public Works Department put out an RFP for design services and have had a full assessment done of the current system and our needs. A design has been completed and will include a state-of-the-art upgrade of all equipment in our A/V room, a new digital multi camera system in our Council Chambers, new Council dais microphones and display screens, public facing LED tv screens (both in Chambers and in the lobby), and an ADA compliant public lectern, among other less visible yet important components. Next steps include going out for construction and installation services, with BID advertisements going out next week. Unfortunately, our project timeline may be impacted by forces outside of our control, as we have been informed that clients are seeing delays in manufacturing and delivery of equipment due to the impacts of COVID-19 on markets overseas. I should also mention that during construction in a few months, the Council Chambers will be unavailable for a time for public meetings. In anticipation of these impacts, the City will work with all groups involved to ensure appropriate alternative measures are available.

**Consent Items:**

1. Item (g) "Approval of a Three-year Agreement with the Hermosa Beach Education Foundation for its Annual "Hearts of Hermosa" Event was pulled by Councilmember Fangary for discussion. He raised concern the fees were being waived for the event. The item was approved on a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Fangary voting No.

**Consent Ordinances:**

- None

**Public Hearing:**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$63,710 OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR SIDEWALK CURB RAMPS ALONG PROSPECT AVENUE, AUTHORIZING USE OF CDBG FUNDS FOR CONTRACTORS, AND GRANTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF COMPLETION**



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- Councilmember Massey asked how staff select projects for the CDBG program and Community Development Director Robertson explained that there is a limited number of project types eligible in Hermosa Beach and that this project was chosen due to its manageability for staff and usefulness for the public.

**CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE M-1LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE INCLUDING A LIMITED EVENT PERMIT FOR CYPRESS DISTRICT BUSINESSES**

- This was continued to a future meeting at the request of the City Attorney and the continuation was approved by Council. It was decided that the item will be agendaized upon receipt of the necessary documentation from the Fair Political Practices Commission

**Municipal Matters:**

**PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

- Council unanimously approved the purchase of the six vehicles

**APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, AND THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEACH CITIES GREEN STREETS PROJECT FOR THE BEACH CITIES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP**

- Councilmember Armato suggested a field trip to an existing green street be arranged for relevant stakeholders to inform of possible strategies and designs in conjunction with this project. Councilmember Detoy asked if local residents had been notified of the project and was assured that this will be incorporated into the project.

**UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TEMPORARY BAN OF DOCKLESS SCOOTER AND BIKESHARE IN HERMOSA BEACH**

- After much discussion and two public commenters, Council approved an extension of the ban until April 2021 with staff to continue to monitoring changes in the technology and policies of neighboring agencies.

**Miscellaneous Items & Other Matters:**

1. Councilmember Armato reported on her attendance at the Independent Cities Association Winter Seminar and discussed important information learned about earthquake preparedness, homelessness, human trafficking and cyber security.
2. Mayor Campbell made mention of a need to develop a policy for naming City facilities to help proceed with the naming of the Community Garden after former councilmember Duclos.
3. Councilmember Detoy shared his attendance at a Sister City meeting and mentioned upcoming events related to the Sister City program.
4. Councilmember Fangary discussed feedback he has received on the newly erected trash enclosures in Parking Lot A near Pier Plaza and possible changes to be made to address safety and cleanliness concerns.

**Adjournment:**



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**THE NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020.**

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